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SUBJECT: SOLICITING KUWAITI ACTION AGAINST AL-QAEDA

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Classified By: Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker for reasons 1.4 (b),
(c), and (d)

¶1. (S/NF) This is an action message. Please see para two for
action request.

¶2. (S/NF) ACTION REQUESTED: Per reftel, post requests that
Department instruct Embassy Kuwait to demarche the GOK about
the growing threat of Al Qaeda's activities in Kuwait. Post
provides background information in paras three and four for
use with points provided in reftel request. Para five
contains additional points from which post can draw.

¶3. (S REL KU) Al Qaeda in Iraq and Al Qaeda elements in
Pakistan and Afghanistan continue to receive financial and
logistical support from members or associates operating in
Kuwait. Kuwaiti nationals have also traveled to Iraq,
Pakistan, and Afghanistan to participate in terror
activities. The recent involvement of former Guantanamo
detainee Abdallah Salih Ali Al-Ajmi, along with Kuwaiti
national Nasr Fahd Al-Dusari and Badr al-Harbi in suicide
attacks in Mosul, Iraq in late April 2008 underscores the
importance of careful monitoring and control, not only of
former detainees, but also of other would-be foreign fighters.

¶4. (S REL KU) We also note that Muhammad Nasr Ubayd Al-Dusari
aka Al-Hajj aka Abul Talha, who is known to your government
as a terrorist facilitator and was previously incarcerated
for efforts to attack Western interests in Kuwait and
elsewhere in the Gulf has resumed his facilitation
activities. Dusari continues to provide funds and logistical
support to Al Qaeda operatives. Dusari also is involved in
facilitating the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq,
Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Dusari and his associates also
pose a danger to Kuwaiti interests. While Dusari and his
associates may have heretofore provided support to extremists
operating outside of Kuwait, Dusari may turn his attention
against local Kuwaiti targets or the sizable U.S. and Western
presence in Kuwait.

¶5. (S REL KU)

--These individuals represent a threat not only to U.S. and
allied forces, but to Kuwait as well.

--While Kuwait is a valuable partner and ally, the continued
terrorist facilitation activities within your country
tarnishes Kuwait's reputation.

--We are cognizant of the legal and societal sensitivities
related to the investigation and disruption of Kuwaiti
nationals involved in terror activities.

--We nonetheless request a more open and transparent dialogue
on terrorism and the activities of extremists such as

Al-Dusari between Kuwait State Security and U.S. Intelligence representatives.

--Greater transparency on this topic will benefit both of our countries and our mutual efforts to preserve security and stability in Kuwait and the wider region.

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